

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-9 are amended and claims 11-17 are withdrawn in response to the restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as described below. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled or withdrawn subject matter in one or more divisional applications. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-10 will be pending in the application.

Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. §121

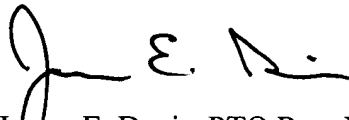
In response to the restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants elect the claims of Group II for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-9 have been amended to remove non-elected subject matter.

Conclusion

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00 for the purchase of a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Applicants do not believe that they owe any additional fee in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicants do owe any such additional fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-0750**.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any questions arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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